



Dranesville Happenings

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Announcements and Upcoming Activities in and Around the Dranesville District



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Through December 4:

2015 Blanket and Coat Drive for Syrian Refugees

Fairfax County is pleased to participate in the regional effort coordinated by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission to collect clean, gently used blankets and coats for refugee families of Syria and Iraq, impacted by the violence of civil war and ISIL. Last year nearly 18,000 blankets were collected and shipped to assist these families. This year's collection has been expanded to include coats of all sizes (infants through adults).

Until December 4 you can drop off new and/or gently used blankets and coats at the following Dranesville area drop off locations Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **(No donations will be accepted after December 4 at these two locations.)**

McLean Governmental Center

1437 Balls Hill Road
McLean

Hunter Mill Governmental Center

12000 Bowman Towne Drive
Reston

For additional collection sites, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/blanketdrive.

House of Worship Collection Event

On Saturday, December 5, you can drop off new and/or gently used blankets and coats at the following Houses of Worship:

- **ADAMS Center**, 46903 Sugarland Road, Sterling
- **Annandale Stake Center**, 3900 Howard Street, Annandale
- **Centreville Stake Center**, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville
- **McLean Stake Center**, 2043 Great Falls Street, McLean
- **Mt. Vernon Stake Center**, 6219 Villa Street, Alexandria
- **Oakton Stake Center**, 2719 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton

December 4 through 31: Celebrating the Holidays in Herndon

Celebrate the holidays with neighbors and friends in the Town of Herndon at the following events, held throughout the Town during the holiday season.

"Seussical the Musical" - Presented by NextStop Theatre Company

Friday, December 4 - Sunday, December 20

Music by Stephen Flaherty, Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Book by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens

Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon

Tickets are \$25; Family (4+) and group (10+) discounts available

866-811-4111

nextstoptheatre.org

Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tour Herndon homes decorated for the holidays.

Tickets available at Herndon Florist, 716 Lynn Street, Herndon,
and Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon

\$15 in advance through November, \$20 starting December 1

703-435-6800 X2222

facebook.com/holidayhomestour

Winter Open House & Santa's Workshop

Saturday, December 5, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for live music from local music school Bach to Rock, visits with Santa, children's crafts and light refreshments. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Herndon Library, Council for the Arts of Herndon, Fortnightly Club, and Herndon Chamber of Commerce.

Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon

Free

703-437-8855

fairfaxcounty.gov/library

Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing-Along

Saturday, December 5, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Carols, tree lighting and a visit from Santa.

Corner of Lynn and Elden Streets, Herndon

Free

571-323-5304

dullesregionalchamber.org

Herndon Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

Sunday, December 6, 10am-4pm

More than 70 arts and craft vendors offer unique gifts, decorations and handmade items.

Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon

Free

703-787-7300

herndon-va.gov

Towne Square Singers' Holiday Concerts

"Christmas with the Singers"

Friday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 12, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit with the Towne Square Singers as they usher in the season with holiday music both old and new.

NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon

\$10, purchase tickets at the Herndon Community Center

703-787-7300

herndon-va.gov

A Story Book Holiday

Saturday, December 12, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Holiday fun for ages 3-8, includes a reading of a holiday story by a special guest, a visit with Santa, crafts, and kiddie open gym time.

Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon

\$9 child/adult duo • register by December 11 at 1pm

703-787-7300

herndon-va.gov

Holiday Model Train Show

Saturday, December 12, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

N, HO and O Gauge Layouts.

Herndon Municipal Center, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon

W&OD caboose and Depot Museum also open for tours.

Free

703-437-5556

Dress Up Herndon for the Holidays

Monday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Judging)

Herndon neighborhood decoration contest. Home decorations judged in traditional, whimsical, lights categories & more.

Free

703-435-6800 X2084

herndon-va.gov

New Year's Eve Golf Tournament

Thursday, December 31, 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - breakfast; 10:00 a.m. - shotgun start

Annual four-person scramble. Entry fee includes green fee, cart fee, range balls, prizes and breakfast.

Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon

\$70 per player • entry deadline: December 21

703-471-5769

herndongolf.com

New Year's Eve Community Celebration

Thursday, December 31

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Children's Crafts & Dance Workshop w/ Acoatzin Torres

Ages 5 - 12; \$5/child, Free Cocoa and Snacks

10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

A Night of New Orleans Jump Blues w/ Herbie D. and the Dangermen

\$25/ticket; entertainment, hors d'oeuvres; cash bar

ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon

703-956-6590

artspaceherndon.org

**December 5 and 6: Book Sale to Benefit the
Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library**

The Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is holding a book sale to benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library on December 5 and 6. Choose from a large selection of books, magazines, DVDs and other media for all ages.

Event details:

Saturday, December 5

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

7584 Leesburg Pike

Falls Church

(Bag Sale/Clearance will be on Sunday, December 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The library is also accepting donated media.

For more information email [TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:TysonLibraryFriends@gmail.com) or call 703-790-4031

December 5: 19th Annual Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce ReinDog Parade

Join us on Saturday, December 5 for the 19th Annual Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce ReinDog Parade. Dress up your pooch and parade for prizes!

This fun family event for the holidays includes photos with Santa on the fire truck and gift bags from sponsors.

Event details:

Saturday, December 5

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Flowers & Plants, etc.

Langley Shopping Center

1394 Chain Bridge Road

McLean

Entry fee: 2 cans of dog food per entrant. All food will be donated to a local animal shelter.

For more information visit <http://members.mcleanchamber.org/events/details/19th-annual-greater-mclean-chamber-of-commerce-reindog-parade-1946>.

December 5 and 6: Great Falls Holiday Fest *Celebration of Lights - 25th Annual Tree Lighting*

Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6, visit the Great Falls Village Centre area for shopping, art, food, lights and Saint Nicholas, too! These free events are family-friendly and will be held rain or shine.

Schedule of events:

Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

23 Great Falls Studios member artists at the Grange and Old Schoolhouse, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls with something for Secret Santas and serious collectors.

Original art, prints, photography, fabric arts, pottery, sculpture, wood carvings, holiday gifts, notecards and more.

Saturday and Sunday, Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Santa will be at the Old Schoolhouse posing for pictures with girls and boys. Local authors will be storytelling there, too! Gather for live music and dance, festive food and drink at the Grange. Make an ornament at the Arts of Great Falls School. Delight in art demonstrations at the Artists' Atelier and Artists on the Green.

Sunday 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The 25th Annual Celebration of Lights. Hot cider and cocoa to sip by the blazing Yule log, and community choral groups singing seasonal music. Visit the petting zoo, pony rides and a live nativity scene. Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to arrive by antique fire truck to begin the cheer when our town Christmas tree is lit!

Brought to you by Great Falls Studios, the Fairfax County Park Authority, Celebrate Great Falls and the Arts of Great Falls.

December 6: McLean WinterFest

McLean's only community parade, WinterFest, is in its 7th year and will be held on Sunday, December 6. Pre-parade entertainment will be provided by local elementary schools (Franklin Sherman, Spring Hill, Westgate, and Kent Gardens Elementary Choir). Peggy Fox from WUSA Channel 9 will call the parade again this year; Bill DuBose will provide introductions for our pre-parade celebration and Bob Rosenbaum on the keyboard will supply the holiday music throughout the parade.

Event details:

Sunday, December 6

Road closure is 2:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Parade begins at 3:30 p.m.

Parade Route: Fleetwood Street to Elm Street on Old Chain Bridge Road

In addition to the actual parade route, Beverly Road and Fleetwood to Old Chain Bridge Road will be closed to non-parade traffic starting at 2:00 p.m. and there will be no parking along those streets as of Sunday morning. Any vehicles in the Langley Shopping Center or store lots along the route will not be able to leave until the conclusion of the parade.

Parking for parade entries can be found in the vicinity of the check-in point at Beverly and Elm. Handicapped parking spaces for parade observers will be available courtesy of McLean Baptist Church, which can be accessed from Dolley Madison Boulevard since the entrance on Chain Bridge Road will be closed at 2:15 p.m.

The parade planning committee is asking all parade observers and participants to share their good fortune with those who have fallen on hard times by bringing grocery, pharmacy or clothing store gift cards to the parade for Share of McLean. A check for Share will also be presented after parade expenses have been met.

Questions regarding the parade can be directed to Trish Butler at sagecommunications@earthlink.net.

December 12: Enjoy Old-Fashioned Holiday Fun at Colvin Run Mill

Visit with Santa and take a journey to Christmas past with a visit to Colvin Run Mill on December 12. Santa will be visiting the mill so children can share their Christmas wish lists. Take a step back in time by enjoying the Christmas tree trimmed with Victorian decorations, and join the costumed 49th Virginia Volunteer Infantry caroling around a bonfire. Warm yourself by the fire as you roast marshmallows, and work together to make a family craft.

Event details:

Saturday, December 12

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Colvin Run Mill

10017 Colvin Run Road

Great Falls

This event is great for those age three and older and costs \$5 per person. No reservations are required. For more information, call 703-759-2771 or visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill.

December 12: Catch a Falling Star at Riverbend's Astronomy Festival

If you've ever wanted to catch a falling star and put it in your pocket, then Riverbend Park is the place to be on December 12. Riverbend will offer guided stargazing tours

and help you learn how to use a star chart. You can listen to ancient stories about constellations, look through a telescope and much more. The Riverbend Astronomy Festival comes just as the Geminids meteor shower starts hitting its peak.

Event details:

Saturday, December 12
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Riverbend Park
8700 Potomac Hills Street
Great Falls

The cost is \$6 per person when registering online and \$7 at the door. For more information, call 703-759-9018 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/>.

**December 12: National "Wreaths Across America" Day
at Chestnut Grove Cemetery**

On December 12, the Herndon Woman's Club will honor our many Veterans who are buried in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery by participating in the National Wreaths Across America Day. The club will remember the fallen, the prisoners of war, the missing in action and honor those who have served and are serving this great nation with a short ceremony. Volunteers will then place commemorative wreaths on nearly 460 veteran's graves.

Event details:

Saturday, December 12
12:00 noon
Chestnut Grove Cemetery
831 Dranesville Road
Herndon

Officially established in 1882, Herndon's Chestnut Grove Cemetery is the final resting place of several hundred veterans, dating back to the Civil War. Fifty seven years later, the Herndon Woman's Club was established, uniting women in our community -- through volunteerism and fundraising -- to support various local, state, national and international causes.

[Click here](#) to order a wreath that will honor a veteran at Chestnut Grove. The Herndon Woman's Club encourages members of the public to read more about Wreaths Across America at www.wreathsbacrossamerica.org and join us in this worthy.

December 13: Reduced-Cost Rabies Clinic

A reduced-cost rabies clinic will be held at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter on December 13.

Event details:

Sunday December 13
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
Fairfax County Animal Shelter
4500 West Ox Road
Fairfax

Please note:

- Dogs, cats and ferrets will be vaccinated at the clinic
- Dogs **MUST** be on leashes. Cats and ferrets **MUST** be in carriers.
- All pets will receive a 1-year rabies vaccine. To obtain a 3-year vaccine, bring your pet's rabies certificate showing your dog's current rabies vaccination and expiration date.
- Only rabies certificates will be issued (no tags).
- Cash and check only
- 2015 County Dog Licenses will be sold at each clinic at additional cost of \$10.00.

For more information visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservices/> or call 703-830-1100.

December 22: Winter Wonderland Puppet Show at Frying Pan Park

Keep the kids entertained over their holiday break with the Winter Wonderland Puppet Show at Frying Pan Farm Park on December 22.

Event details:

Tuesday, December 22

Two shows: 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Frying Pan Park
2739 West Ox Road
Herndon

Watch master puppeteer Bob Brown guide his lively marionettes as they frolic in a magical winter wonderland of snow. The 40-minute show is ideal for those ages two and older. The cost is \$5 per person, and children must be accompanied by a paid, registered adult.

Register online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/classes.htm> or by phone at 703-437-9101. For more information, call 703-437-9101 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/>.

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Protecting Pups: New Rules for Dog Tethering Passed

At its November 24 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to amend the Fairfax County Code to incorporate the Code of Virginia's cruelty to animals provisions along with the tethering provision.

According to the amendment:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to tether a dog for more than one hour cumulatively within any 24 hour period, whether or not the tethered dog has been provided adequate space as defined in the Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6500, as amended, unless the dog is under the direct supervision and control of its owner or custodian." Fines and penalties for violating the tethering provision, are as follows:

- **First violation** - Class 3 misdemeanor, punishable by fine of up to \$500.
- **Second violation** (whether or not involving the same dog) within one year of first violation - Class 2 misdemeanor, punishable by fine of up to \$1,000 and/or penalty of up to six months in jail.

- **All subsequent violations** within one year of first violation - Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by fine of up to \$2,500 and/or penalty of up to one year in jail.

For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/protecting-pups-new-rules-for-dog-tethering-passed/>.

Fairfax County Budget Forecasts: What You Need to Know

Budget forecasts presented on November 24 by County Executive Edward Long and [Fairfax County Public Schools](#) (FCPS) Superintendent Karen Garza illustrate the ongoing challenges facing the county and public schools. The County is forecasting an \$85 million deficit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017; FCPS forecasts a \$60.6 million deficit. The forecasts for the FY 2017 budget (begins July 1, 2016) were presented at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors and School Board.

County Budget Forecast

Job Growth: Appears to be improving. New data indicates job growth in higher-paid job categories.

Residential Real Estate: There has been a significant amount of sales volume. However, home prices are growing modestly.

Commercial Real Estate: 86 percent of new commercial construction is pre-leased, compared to 50 percent pre-leased at the end of 2014. Office vacancy rates remain at about the same level.

Bottom Line: Disbursements (projected expenses) are anticipated to outpace revenue growth in next two fiscal years.

FCPS Budget Forecast

Bottom Line: Expenditures are projected to increase by \$113.1 million over the FY 2016 approved budget.

State Funding of Education

Education funding is a priority for our County; more than half of our general fund budget goes to FCPS (52.7 percent or \$2+ billion). However, as noted by the Board of Supervisors at its November 17 meeting, since FY 2009, the state has made budget cuts to K-12 education that have cost localities more than \$1.7 billion per biennium (two-

year budget period). State K-12 funding in FY 2016 remains below the FY 2009 level. These cuts have required our County to fill funding gaps with local revenues in order to maintain a quality public school system.

Public comment on the upcoming 2016 General Assembly session, including budget priorities, will be held by the County's [General Assembly](#) delegation on Saturday, January 9, at the Fairfax County Government Center. You can sign up to speak beginning in early December; we will publish that link when it is available

For more information, please visit the [County Budget Information](#) website, the [FCPS Budget Documents](#) website, and the [FCPS FY 2017 Budget Overview](#) website.

Board of Supervisors Adopts New Noise Ordinance

At its November 17 board meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted a [new Noise Ordinance](#), repealed the [existing Noise Ordinance](#), and repealed the [Excessive Sound Generation in Residential Areas and Dwellings Ordinance](#). These amendments become effective on February 17, 2016. Until that time, the existing Chapter 108 and Article 6 of Chapter 5 remain in effect. The delayed effective date provides time for staff training, the update of relevant County websites, and the preparation of information items to assist staff in understanding the new regulations. The Board also directed staff to monitor the effectiveness and impact of the new Noise Ordinance for an 18-month period after its enactment.

Background

The new Noise Ordinance is in response to the Board's request to review and revise the Noise Ordinance to better address the methodology used in noise measurements, consider the appropriateness of establishing daytime and nighttime noise levels to protect the community, and to add other objective criteria to regulate noise within Fairfax County. The overall goal of the new Noise Ordinance is to:

- Recognize that there will always be certain levels of noise that occur in the normal course of daily living;
- Allow certain levels of daytime noise so that people can live, work, and play during the day; and
- Minimize nighttime noise so residents have an appropriate quiet environment in their homes at night.

The overall framework of the new Noise Ordinance is to:

- Prohibit certain activities (prohibitions);
- Exclude certain activities from the Noise Ordinance (exceptions); and
- When not specifically prohibited or excepted, then activities or sources of sound would be subject to maximum decibel levels.

The above frameworks is further qualified by time, location, and duration limitations. [A summary chart](#) of the applicability of the New Noise Ordinance has been prepared.

Related Documents

[Adopted Chapter 108.1](#) (Noise Ordinance) - effective 2/17/16

[New Noise Ordinance Applicability Summary Chart](#)

[Repealed Chapter 108](#) (Noise Ordinance) - effective on 2/17/16

[Repealed Article 6 of Chapter 5 \(Excessive Sound Generation in Residential Areas and Dwellings\)](#)

Additional Information

For more information about this amendment, please contact the Ordinance Administration Branch of the Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314.

For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/new-rules-approved-to-restrict-payday-and-car-title-loan-companies/>.

Rules Approved to Restrict Payday and Car-Title Loan Companies

At its November 24 meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved new rules to restrict where car-title and payday lenders can set up shop. Concerns were first expressed in 2013 about where these businesses have been located, and during the past three years, these companies have doubled from about 16 to an estimated 31.

Officials have long believed these lenders are inappropriate for the County's [revitalization districts](#) where almost two-thirds (or about 19) such businesses can be found today. According to academic studies County planners examined, these companies signal decline in a community and deter other stores, eateries and small businesses from moving to these areas.

The zoning provisions, among other things, limit the locations where future businesses can open. Lenders legally in business now would be allowed to stay in their current locations, however.

Under former zoning rules, payday and car-title lenders were permitted to operate by-right in the same locations as commercial banks-that is within most commercial and industrial zoning districts.

For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/new-rules-approved-to-restrict-payday-and-car-title-loan-companies/>.

Spring Hill RECenter Expansion Wins Design, Construction Award

The Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) recognized the [Spring Hill RECenter](#) Expansion and Renovation Project with their 2015 Award of Merit on November 19. The award was in the category of Build-to-Suit Institutional Facility Under \$20 Million Dollars. The prestigious NAIOP awards recognize excellence in design and construction for all types of office, industrial and institutional projects throughout the Northern Virginia area.

The expansion and renovation project increased the size of the facility, adding a two-story fitness center, a gymnasium with an elevated running track, and new office space. Substantial renovations throughout the McLean facility include improvements to the locker rooms and upgrades to shower areas and five, family-changing rooms and utility upgrades.

The \$10 million expansion project was funded by the 2008 and 2012 Park Bond programs. The official reopening of the RECenter took place in January 2015.



Services for Our Veterans and Their Families

There are an estimated 77,000 military veterans who live in Fairfax County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Their service to our nation ranges from World War II to the conflicts in today's news. Fairfax County provides and supports a number of veterans services and programs.

Employment, Training and Business Resources:

[Veterans Preference](#) for Fairfax County Government jobs.

[Northern Virginia Jobs 4 Veterans \(J4Vets\)](#): career counseling, including training, job search assistance and small business development.

[Veterans Business Outreach Center](#) at the Community Business Partnership in Springfield: business development and training services.

[Employing Northern Virginia Through Entrepreneurship](#): assistance with starting a small business.

[SkillSource one-stop employment centers](#): access to office equipment, workshops and job search assistance.

[Veterans Employment Initiative](#): matches veterans with jobs, internships, mentorships and certifications.

The [Economic Development Authority](#) has resources to help veterans interested in becoming an entrepreneur develop a business plan. Call 703-790-0600 (TTY 711) for an appointment; ask for a SCORE counselor.

[Entrepreneurship 101: Starting a Business in Fairfax County workshops](#): what is needed to get a business up and running here and the resources available to help that happen.

[Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises](#) are encouraged to become a vendor to Fairfax County government and schools.

Tax Relief

Personal property (car) and real estate tax relief is available to disabled veterans and spouses of veterans killed in action who meet [qualifications](#).

Veterans in Need

The [General District Court](#) provides the [Veterans Treatment Docket](#), a voluntary, court-supervised treatment program to help veterans who have been arrested and have substance use issues and/or have other diagnosed mental health conditions.

Every month, an estimated dozen or more veterans are identified in our county as being homeless. Fairfax County works closely with its community partners including nonprofits and faith organizations to [provide housing and support services](#).

Hypothermia Shelter Program Provides Critical Refuge

For Fairfax County's chronically homeless and vulnerable men, women and children, the frigid winter temperatures can be frightening and life-threatening. Last winter, the county's Hypothermia Shelter Program provided more than 1,000 homeless community members with a warm and safe place to stay.

To help our vulnerable neighbors survive this winter, Fairfax County will be providing overnight shelter with a "no turn-away" policy at all [emergency homeless shelters](#) during freezing weather. Through March, the County also provides the [Hypothermia Prevention Program](#), a County-wide community network of overnight shelters. Through this program last winter, nonprofit and faith-based community partners provided 1,061 men and women with a safe, warm place to sleep.

Call If You See Someone in Need

If you see someone at night who is unsheltered and you think could be at risk of [hypothermia](#), call the County's non-emergency phone line at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

Provide Your Time, Talents and Donations

The County's community partners need your help this winter. Contact the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness and receive information on where the need is greatest or the nonprofit partner that is closest to where you live or work. Call 703-324-9492, TTY 711, or send an [email](#).

Supervisor Funds Replacement of Sidewalks on Magarity Road

In a continuing effort to make Dranesville more pedestrian friendly, Supervisor Foust recently provided funding from his discretionary walkway fund to replace existing sidewalks along Magarity Road. The recently completed work replaced sidewalks on the eastern side of the road, between Olney Road and Anderson

Road. On the western side, new walkways are between La Salle Avenue and Great Falls Street.



New Median and Gateway Signs in McLean

Fairfax County recently completed construction of a median on Old Dominion Drive, just east of McLean Drive. The McLean Revitalization Corporation (MRC) applied for and received a federal grant to finance 80% of the cost of the median. The required 20% local match was contributed by McLean Citizens Foundation, McLean Properties and the office of Supervisor Foust.

In addition to providing an attractive entrance to McLean, the median, which will soon be landscaped, will encourage motorists to drive safely and slowly through the business district and to respect the presence of pedestrians and bicyclists.

In conjunction with the median installation, MRC obtained funding to purchase and install four gateway signs, informing motorists that McLean is a pedestrian and bicycle friendly community. One of the signs is in the newly constructed median. The other three were installed in the existing landscaped median on Chain Bridge Road near

Westmoreland, on Old Dominion across from the Stay Bridge Inn near Beverly Road, and on Chain Bridge Road and Dolley Madison, between the two banks.



Safe Trade Zone Established at Herndon Police Headquarters

Allows safe exchange of goods purchased online

The Herndon Police Department is pleased to announce the establishment of a "Safe Trade Zone" for use by the public as a meeting place to complete online transactions in the parking lot of the Herndon Police Headquarters.

The zone is located in the front parking lot of the Herndon Police Headquarters located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. The area is well lit and monitored by security cameras. Transactions may also be completed in the lobby of the police station, which is open 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. Members of the police department are not available to provide legal advice, nor settle disputes or act as witnesses to transactions.

The Herndon Police Department cannot guarantee the quality or authenticity of items purchased online. Be cautious of someone who is hesitant about completing a transaction in a "Safe Trade Zone." It may be a warning sign not to conduct business with this person.

11 Ways to Make the Season Bright for Someone Else

Fairfax County Offers Gifts of Charity this Holiday Season

Fairfax County is offering 11 ways to help make someone's holiday season a little brighter with Ways to Give Gifts that Give Back. Now you can donate to any of 11 Fairfax County affiliated nonprofits in honor of anyone on your gift list. It makes shopping easy and offers you a nice tax deduction, but best of all it helps these organizations succeed in bringing goods and services to those who need them most.

Forget the fruitcake and give the perfect gift online at: www.GiveFairfax.net

The gifts include:

- **Rescue Animals** -- \$20 will buy toys and treats for two shelter pets. [Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#)
- **Help a Student** - \$10 will buy \$30 worth of school supplies for a needy student (school supplies aren't just for fall). [Collect for Kids](#)
- **Celebrate Fairfax** -- \$1000 will fund a Community Spirit Scholarship showcasing the best and brightest in Fairfax County. [Celebrate Fairfax](#)
- **Protect a Neighbor** -- \$25 buys a home security system for victims of domestic violence. Fairfax County [Office Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services](#)
- **Reforest Fairfax** -- \$35 will plant five new trees in Fairfax County. [Fairfax County Restoration Project](#)
- **Support Training** -- \$100 buys workforce training for a low income student. [The Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools](#)
- **Buy a Bicycle** -- \$50 will buy a new bike for a low income child. [Fairfax County Firefighters and Friends](#)
- **Donate Kids Books** -- \$50 purchases twelve children's picture books for our local libraries. [Fairfax County Library Foundation](#)
- **Provide Healthcare** -- \$300 will buy one child a year of medical care. [Medical Care for Children Partnership \(MCCP\)](#)
- **Feed the Hungry** -- \$100 will buy a holiday meal for a family in need. [Our Daily Bread](#)
- **Fund Some Summer Fun** -- \$50 provides a week of summer fun at camp for a kid who can't afford it otherwise. [Fairfax CountyPark Foundation](#).

Sheriff's Office Receives Donation for Project Lifesaver

The Auxiliary to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has graciously donated \$1,500 to the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office for its Project Lifesaver program. The program serves the needs of children on the autism spectrum and adults with cognitive impairments who may wander away from their caregivers.

Project Lifesaver clients wear a wrist or ankle band that emits a silent tracking signal. When caregivers notify the Sheriff's Office that a client is missing, specially-trained sheriff's deputies respond to the area with state-of-the-art tracking equipment. The program currently has 67 clients with 35 more on the waiting list.

Costs for Project Lifesaver include the transmitters for each client; the wrist or ankle band to which the transmitter is attached; the battery for each transmitter, which must be changed every 60 days; and the receiver that the Sheriff's Office uses to track the transmitter's signal.

To learn more about Project Lifesaver, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/lifesaver.htm.



left to right: Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department member Joan Dempsey and Lt. Jason Travis

Herndon Woman's Club 57th Annual Fall Fashion Show

The Herndon Woman's Club held its 57th Annual Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon for charity on November 7 to a sell-out crowd. Proceeds of the event are always dedicated

to helping support local charities or local chapters of national organizations. This year the [Herndon Village Network](#) (HVN) was selected as the designated charity.



FCPS is providing *SIS Parent Accounts* to Parents

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is providing *SIS Parent Accounts* to each parent of a student at its schools. This will enable access to view a student's attendance, report card grades, and additional information, establishing another form of communication between home and school. Schools have provided a web address, activation key, and directions on registering for an account. SIS Parent Accounts are different than 24-7 Learning Parent View accounts.

Once an account is set up, bookmark the following link to log in and access the account:

<https://sisparent.fcps.edu>.

Learn more by viewing this [video](#) and [user's manual](#).

Gift Card Drive Supporting Children of Domestic and Sexual Violence

The Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section is holding its 2nd Annual Holiday Gift Card Drive in an effort to provide holiday help for children of domestic and sexual violence.

The Victim Services Section has worked far too many cases involving child victims of domestic and sexual violence. Many of these children and families are facing the reality of not celebrating the holidays this year due to the financial burden that comes with being a victim of crime. Your generous donation of gift cards will offer families the opportunity to bring a smile to the faces of their children; those who have witnessed or been a victim of domestic or sexual violence themselves.

Gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to the Victim Services Section main office located at 10600 Page Avenue; Fairfax, VA 22030.

3 Easy Steps to Report Streetlight Outages

Please help your community by reporting streetlight outages in your neighborhood and in other areas you frequent. Reporting an outage is simple and helps keeps neighborhoods safe; it also helps [keep pedestrians visible and safe](#) (especially this time of year with an early sunset).

Streetlights along public roadways in Fairfax County are typically maintained by Dominion Virginia Power or the Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC). The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) operates the streetlights along interstates and at major interchanges.

Three Steps to Report a Streetlight Outage:

1. Look for the pole ID number, which can be [found on the pole](#). Write it down or take a photo.
2. If you can't find the pole number or if you notice a streetlight outage while driving, use the map found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/3-easy-steps-to-report-streetlight-outages/> or the [online streetlight locator tool](#) to find pole numbers. Zoom in on the map to see streetlight locations.
3. After finding the streetlight on the map, call 1-866-366-4357 or report it online at <https://www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power/outage-center/streetlight-outages/outdoor-lighting-concern>.

If a particular streetlight is not on the map, it may be privately maintained by a homeowners association or other group.

If you need additional assistance, call 703-324-5111, TTY 711.

Give the Gift of a Lift: Become a Volunteer Driver

As more adults are choosing to "age in place," the demand for safe and affordable transportation for non-driving seniors is growing. Volunteer drivers are needed to provide rides to non-driving seniors in Northern Virginia. If you volunteer as a driver just once or twice each month, you will make a positive impact on the life of a senior in your community.

Contact [NV Rides](#) for information about becoming a volunteer driver to one of the service providers including, [Herndon Village Net](#) and [Shepherd's Center McLean-Arlington-Falls Church](#). For more information, contact email [Gina Cocomello](#) or call 703 537-3070.

FCPS Saves \$4.5 Million Through Energy Conservation *146 Schools Earn Energy Star Certification*

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has realized \$4.5 million in energy savings as a result of the Cenergistic energy conservation and management program, which began in February 2014. This effort started as one of many throughout FCPS to reduce operating costs and increase efficiency. The school district has also earned the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Energy Star Certification for 146 school buildings, and has the highest number of Energy Star-certified buildings in the country. See the list of schools at <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/energystar/summary.pdf>.

Town of Herndon Presents its Good Neighbor Award

A host of neighbors and friends came out to celebrate the Good Neighbor Award, presented on November 10 by the Herndon Town Council to Mario and Andrea Weber, of Bruce Court in Herndon. A group of neighbors nominated the Webers for the award, thanking them for their kindness, generosity and above-and-beyond willingness to help their neighbors.



Mario (white shirt) and Andrea (holding certificate) Weber, surrounded by friends and members of the Cultivating Community Initiative, the volunteer group that produces the Good Neighbor Award. Mayor Lisa Merkel is directly to Mario's right.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library Closing for Renovations January 31

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library will close for renovations on January 31, 2016. The renovation is expected to take a minimum of 18 months. A temporary location will open at 7700 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church to serve customers in the area during the renovation. The temporary branch will open about six weeks after the branch closes, possibly mid-March.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library first opened in 1974 and moved to its current location in 1985. The renovation will be designed as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building. The branch will have multiple meeting and group study rooms, a quiet study room, Wi-Fi bars and seating areas. The funding for the renovation is from a library bond referendum approved by voters in 2004. The total project is estimated to cost \$5,610,000.

Meridian Park in Falls Church Celebrates Halloween with Annual Party

Supervisor John Foust stopped by to kick off the annual Halloween party in the Meridian Park neighborhood of Falls Church.

(left to right) Thomas and Nicole Chestnut, Maddy Mowry, Macy Crawford, Juliana and Mary Rudin, and Emily Levinson. (photo credit: Stephanie Luongo)



Town of Herndon Issues RFP for Comprehensive Development in Historic Downtown Area

On November 2, the Town of Herndon issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for redevelopment of 4.675 acres of land in historic Herndon into an attractive, mixed-use downtown. The town anticipates that a contract will be awarded by the end of 2016.

The town's vision for the redevelopment calls for four-story (mixed-use/residential) and three-story (mixed-use/commercial) structures, a jointly-funded public/private parking structure, and an 18,000 sq. ft. arts center, among other features. The land is generally described as located between Station Street to the east, Center Street to the west, south of the W&OD Trail, which bisects Herndon's downtown, and north of Elden Street. The property is located within the town's Heritage Preservation District and has been included in the National Register of Historic Places since 1991.

Additional information, including the complete RFP, is available on the town's website at www.herndon-va.gov. Interested proposers may contact Dennis Holste, economic development manager, at dennis.holste@herndon-va.gov.

Dominion Power Launches New Outage Viewer Map

Dominion Power has launched a new outage viewer map in its website Outage Center to provide customers with more up-to-date outage information.

This map offers many new features, including:

- mobile capability;
- faster updates - refreshes every 15 minutes;
- customizable street-level or satellite imagery, weather radar, and service territory map views;
- improved search options, including searching by address, intersection, and landmark;
- bookmarking options to save addresses and areas;
- an icon to indicate when a crew has arrived on a site and is working on an outage.

[To view the new map, click here.](#)

Become an Advocate for Residents of Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities throughout the area. Volunteers can work in facilities close to where they live. Training and support are provided. The spring training dates are March 7, 9, and 18, 2016.

For more information on becoming a long-term care ombudsman volunteer, call 703-324-5861, email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCombudsman.

Great Falls Resident Receives Chrystal Coach Award

Doreen Peters, of Great Falls received the Chrystal Coach Award at a ceremony held on November 21, before the Girls on the Run 5K. The Girls on the Run program helps girls develop skills to make them strong, healthy and confident young women.

Ms. Peters is one of 13 women named Chrystal Coaches. All have committed to make a difference in the lives of girls and have served as a volunteer coach for 10 or more seasons for Girls on the Run.

Volunteer Opportunities and Events at County Division of Adult and Aging Services

Meaningful volunteer opportunities and events are available to improve the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities in Fairfax County.

Volunteering Opportunities

Below is a sample of volunteer opportunities available in the Dranesville district. For a complete list visit <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults> and follow the link to "Volunteer Solutions".

- The Herndon Senior Center needs Social Visitors, a Trivia Group Leader, and a Baked Goods Table Manager. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- Meals on Wheels needs drivers, coordinators, and co-coordinators for routes throughout the county. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- Korean Meals on Wheels needs drivers to deliver meals. (Speaking Korean not required.)

To volunteer, please complete an online registration form at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/volunteer/VolReg/VolunteerRegistration.aspx>. For more information please call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, email VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call the Dranesville District office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711.

If you would like your community announcement included in Dranesville Happenings please send an email to Dranesville@FairfaxCounty.gov.